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ADLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1966

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To: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS of the ADLINGTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the report of the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1966.

According to the Registrar General's mid-June Estimates of Population, the estimated population for Adlington was 4,530 which is 10 more than last year's figure.

The number of live births assignable to the District was 72 - 10 less than in 1965 and the lowest figure for the previous five years. This gives a birth rate of 15.9 per 1000 population (adjusted 15.9) compared with a Birth Rate for the country as a whole of 17.7.

The number of deaths attributable to the District was 44, 3 less than in 1965, giving a Death Rate of 9.7 per 1000 (adjusted 10.1) compared with the Death Rate for England and Wales of 11.7. Of these deaths, 21 (7 males and 14 females) were persons over 70 years of age, 9 of them being over 80 and three over 90.

The number of deaths from malignant neo-plasms was 16 which is 6 more than last year, 6 being persons over 65 and 3 over 75. Heart disease was responsible for 10 deaths as against 19 last year. There was one death from Tuberculosis.

There were no deaths of infants under one year of age as against one in 1965. This gives a "Nil" Infantile Mortality Rate compared with 19.0 per 1000 population for the country as a whole. There was one stillbirth as against none the previous year.

The number of cases of Infectious Diseases notified was 110 as against 51 in 1965. These were 6 Scarlet Fever and 104 Measles, the Measles epidemic having reached this area in October.

The new Health Services Clinic was opened at Adlington during the year, and it is confidently expected that this well-equipped and modern Clinic will enable the Health Services of the district to function more efficiently.

Improvements, chiefly by means of Standard Grants, are continuing to be made to existing houses, especially as they become owner-occupied. Fifteen applications for Standard Grants were approved during 1966.

A considerable amount of private housing development is going on in the District and more is planned for 1967. The Council have accepted a tender for 16 houses, 16 one-bedroom flats and 16 Old People's bungalows with a Warden's house, to be started early in the New Year.

Other matters dealing with environmental conditions are dealt with in the Report.

Work was completed on the construction of new trunk sewers. Progress on the proposed scheme for the treatment and disposal of sewage from Adlington is still held up pending negotiations with other interested parties being concluded. When I wrote my last report it appeared that a decision on this matter would be reached in the near future. Unfortunately, this has still not been made. An early decision is more than ever important because of the increasing, and proposed, development in the district.

I wish to express my appreciation of the valuable assistance I receive from Mr. A. Livesey, Public Health Inspector and Surveyor, and of the willing co-operation of other members of the Staff. I am also grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for the support and consideration extended to me.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

J. WALKER

Medical Officer of Health.

JULY, 1967.

URBAN DISTRICT OF ADLINGTON

VITAL STATISTICS 1966

Area	1062 acres
Population (Registrar General's Estimate mid-1966) ..	4530
Number of inhabited houses	1617
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1966	£114,010.
Product of 1d Rate	£416.

Births

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births - Legitimate ..	32	37	69
Illegitimate ..	2	1	3
	34	38	72

Birth Rate per 1000 population - Crude = 15.9
Adjusted = 15.9

Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births - = 4.16

Stillbirths	1
Total live and stillbirths	73

Stillbirth rate per 1000 live births .. 13.7

Deaths

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of infants under one year	-	-	-
ditto under four weeks	-	-	-
ditto under one week	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births:
Legitimate = nil
Illegitimate = nil

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births = nil
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate ditto = nil

Peri-natal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined for 1000 total live and stillbirths) = 13.7

Maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and stillbirths ..	Nil

Deaths (all ages)

Male	Female	Total
23	21	44

Death Rate per 1000 population all causes - crude = 9.7
adjusted = 10.1

Death Rate per 1000 from Malignant Neoplasms = 3.53
from Respiratory Tuberculosis = 0.22

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all ages	Under four weeks	4 weeks and under 1	1 -	5 -	15 -	25 -	35 -	45 -	55 -	65 -	75 -
Tuberculosis respiratory	M	1									1		
	F										-		
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	M	2								1		1	
	F	1								-		1	
Malignant neoplasm - Breast	M										-		
	F	1									1		
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	M	9								1	3	3	2
	F	3								1	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	3								1			2
	F	5								-			5
Coronary Disease - Angine	M	4								1	1	1	1
	F	2								-	-	1	1
Other Heart Disease	M	1										-	1
	F	3										2	1
Other Circulatory Disease	M	1										1	-
	F	2										1	1
Pneumonia	M	-								-			-
	F	3								1			2
Bronchitis	M	1									1		
	F	-									-		
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1									1		
	F	-									-		
Other defined and ill-defined Diseases	M	-									-		
	F	1									1		
Total All Causes	M	23								4	7	6	6
	F	21								2	2	6	11

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	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	Number registered	Rate per 1000 (crude)	Number registered	Rate per 1000 (crude)	Number registered	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths registered.	Rate per 1000 live Births	Number of deaths registered.	Rate per 1000 live births	Number of deaths registered	Rate per 1000 live births
Year 1966	72	15.9	44	9.7	1	13.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Year 1965	82	18.1	47	10.4	-	-	-	-	1	12.2	-	-
Year 1964	92	20.4	45	10.0	2	21.3	-	-	2	21.7	2	21.7
Year 1963	87	18.8	46	10.0	3	33.3	-	-	2	23.0	2	23.0
Year 1962	77	16.9	41	9.0	2	25.3	-	-	3	39.0	3	39.0
Year 1961	86	19.5	57	13.0	3	33.7	-	-	2	23.3	2	23.3
Average 5 years 1961 - 1965	84.8	18.7	47.2	10.48	2.0	22.7	-	-	2.0	23.8	1.8	21.4

Adjusted (Live birth-rate - comparability factor 1.00 = 15.9 per 1000
(Death-rate - comparability factor 1.04 = 9.7 per 1000

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Staff

Medical Officer of Health: - J. Walker, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., L.D.S., D.P.D. Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No. 4 Lancashire County Council, and Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Chorley and the Urban District Councils of Fulwood, Leyland, Longridge and Walton-le-Dale, and to Preston and Chorley Rural District Councils.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:- N. T. W. Pover, L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H. Senior Assistant Divisional Medical Officer to the Health Division No. 4 Lancashire County Council.

Laboratory Facilities

Pathological Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.
Public Health Laboratory, Preston Royal Infirmary.

The Public Health Laboratory Service is directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health, and caters for every aspect of the Public Health work of a Local Authority related to the Bacteriological and pathological examination of samples and specimens.

Ambulance Facilities

Provided by the Lancashire County Council Ambulance Service (Chorley Station). All the ambulance vehicles are now radio-controlled from the County Ambulance Headquarters at Broughton - Telephone: Broughton 2678.

Nursing in the Home

There is one "District Nurse" practising in the area. She is Nurse W. Burns, The Bungalow, Town Lane, Charnock Richard.
Telephone: Coppull 423.

Treatment Clinics

Ancillary School Clinics (Orthopaedic, Dental and Eye, etc.) are held at Collison Avenue, Chorley, and are attended by practitioners of Specialist status.

Tuberculosis Clinics

The Chest Clinic, Chorley and District Hospital. A Chest Physician attends. This Clinic is also used as a consultant Clinic for chest conditions other than Tuberculosis.

Hospital Facilities

Chorley and District Hospital
Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley
Wigan Infirmary
Bolton Infirmary
Preston Royal Infirmary
Sharoe Green Hospital, Fulwood
Heath Charnock Hospital
Whelley Hospital, Wigan
Isolation Hospital, Deepdale, Preston.
Longsands Hospital, Fulwood.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

These services are administered by the Lancashire County Council.

Domiciliary Facilities

There is no County Midwife resident in the District, the service is provided from adjacent areas.

Ante-natal Clinics

The large majority of the expectant mothers in the area attend the ante-natal clinic at Collison Avenue, Chorley and avail themselves of the facilities provided by the Lancashire County Divisional Health Service.

Maternity Beds

Normal accommodation is available at Chorley and District Hospital and Eaves Lane Hospital, Chorley. Other hospitals are also available.

Child Welfare Centre

A Child Welfare Centre is held twice weekly (Mondays and Wednesdays 2 - 4 p.m.) at the Health Clinic, Railway Road, Adlington, which was opened during the year, and is attended by a Medical Officer of the Lancashire County Council as well as a County Health Visitor.

The telephone number of the Health Clinic is Adlington 746.

Health Visitor

The County Health Visitor for the area is Miss M. E. Jones, who may be contacted at the Health Clinic, Railway Road, Adlington.

Blood Transfusion Service

The Manchester Regional Hospital Board's Blood Transfusion Service held a Blood Donor Session at Adlington on 30th August, 1966.

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year the following caes of Infectious Disease were notified:-

	1966	1965
Measles	104	31
Scarlet Fever	6	15
Whooping Cough	-	2
Meningococcal Infection	-	1
Tuberculosis	-	1
Dysentery	-	1

It is gratifying to note that this is the 22nd successive year without a Diphtheria case being notified.

Tuberculosis

No new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was added to the Register during the year, as against one last year.

The total number of cases on the Register at the end of the year was 9 of which 8 were pulmonary and one was non-pulmonary.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The water supply of the area is provided (1) from the Blackrod Reservoir by arrangement with Blackrod Urban District Council, and (2) from a tapping of the Thirlmere Aqueduct by arrangement with Manchester Corporation. The supplies are interchangeable and complementary.

Both supplies are chlorinated.

During the year 20 samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination, results in all cases were satisfactory.

The chemical analysis of the water supply is as follows:-

Manchester Corporation, Thirlmere Aqueduct

Total solids in solution ..	44
Lead	nil
Copper	nil
Zinc	nil
Total Iron	0.08
Fluoride (as F)	0.026
pH Value	9.3

The sample was free from lead, copper and zinc. The amount of iron found is less than the limit of 0.3 parts per million, which is usually accepted for iron. The fluoride content of the water is considerably less than the optimum recommended quantity of 1 part per million for fluoridated waters.

Blackrod Urban District Council's reservoir

Total solids in solution ..	156
Lead	nil
Copper	nil
Zinc	nil
Total iron	0.14
Fluoride	0.086
pH value	7.3

The sample was free from lead, copper and zinc. The amount of iron present was less than the limit of 0.3 per million usually accepted for this metal. The fluoride content of the water is considerably less than the optimum quantity of 1 part per million for fluoridated waters.

Consumption

Every house in the area have a "mains supply" of water. During the year ended 31st December, 1966 a total of 66,307,000 gallons was consumed for all purposes, giving an average consumption of 40.05 gallons per head of the population per day for all purposes.

After deducting 10,070,000 gallons of water supplied by meter to various premises during the year, this gives an average of 33.94 gallons per head per day for domestic use.

Drainage and Sewerage

Only 29 outlying properties are not connected to the sewerage system. These are in outlying parts of the district, 8 being farms.

Most of these properties have septic tanks, only 4 houses are not on a water carriage system.

Sewage Disposal is by precipitation and filtration over 3 coke filters at the Sewage Works at Harrisons Farm. The effluent is discharged into the River Douglas.

Work on the construction of new trunk sewers was completed during the year.

No decision has yet been reached regarding the renewal of the Sewage Disposal Works, negotiations are still in hand with other interested parties, and it is hoped that a decision will be made in the near future.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

1682 moveable dustbins are emptied weekly by the local authority. The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at the Council-owned Tip in Bradshaw Fields.

Cleansing of Drains and Closets

Closet Accommodation:-

Privy middens - number of middens	...	2
Number of Closets attached thereto	...	2
Number of Pail Closets	...	1
Number of waste water Closets	...	1
Number of freshwater Closets	...	1991

Public Lavatories

There are Sanitary Conveniences at Babylon Lane and Station Road, and at the upper Recreation Ground. The Conveniences are cleaned daily by the Council's workmen. Wilful damage still occurs frequently. The Conveniences at Babylon Lane and Station Road are not locked at night.

Shops and Offices

There are 85 registered Shops in the area. No action under the Shops Act or Public Health Act, 1936 was taken during the year. The County Council are responsible for the administration of the Shops Act; your Public Health Inspector made 75 visits to these premises during the year.

Camping sites

There are no camping sites in the area.

Smoke Abatement

Number of Factory Chimneys and Works Chimneys in the area	...	4
Number of observations taken during the year ...	...	12

No legal proceedings were taken for excessive smoke emissions during the year; personal contact with the firms and their boiler personnel was maintained by the Public Health Inspector.

Disinfestation of Houses

4 houses were found to be infested during the year 1966 and dealt with.

Schools

The water supply of the Schools is from the mains:

The following Schools are within the Urban District:-

Adlington C.E. Infants School
St. Paul's C.E. Infants School
St. Paul's C.E. Junior School.

Other matters

There are in the area no Common Lodging Houses or "Houses let in Lodgings" registered: no Swimming Baths or Pools; no underground sleeping rooms; no premises where rag flock is manufactured, and no premises for the undertaking of offensive trades.

Summary of Sanitary Inspections

Number of premises visited	...	450
Number of visits made to above	...	570
Number of nuisances discovered	...	74
Number of nuisances abated	...	73
Number of informal notices served	...	7
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	2

There were no legal proceedings for the abatement of nuisances.

HOUSING

(1) Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-

		Houses	Flats
(1)	By Local Authority ...	-	-
(2)	By other Local Authorities ...	-	-
(3)	By other bodies or persons ...	33	-

(2) Total Number of dwellings owned by the Local Authority at 31st December, 1966 ... ... 330.

(3) Inspections of Dwelling Houses during the year

(i) (a)	Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	114
(b)	No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose	224
(c)	No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit ...	74
(ii)	Total No. of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -	
(a)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time)	36
(b)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made	-

(4) Houses Demolished

In or adjoining Clearance Areas:

(i)	Houses unfit for human habitation ...	-
(ii)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangement ...	-
(iii)	Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957.	-

Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas:

(iv)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17)1), Housing Act, 1957... ...	-
(v)	Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	-
(vi)	Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-
(vii)	Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders ...	-

(5) Unfit Houses Closed

(i)	Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act,1957.	1
(ii)	Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957 ...	-
(iii)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-
	No. of Families displaced during the year from houses to be demolished or closed ...	-
	No. of Persons in these families... ...	-

(6) Unfit Houses made fit:

(i)	By owner after informal action by local authority.	72
(ii)	After formal notice under S.9 and S.16, Housing Act, 1957 - (a) By Owner ...	-
	(b) By Local Authority ...	-
(iii)	After formal notice under Public Health Acts ...	2
(iv)	After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S.21, Housing Act, 1961. ...	-
(v)	After determination of a demolition order under S.24 Housing Act, 1957	-
(vi)	After determination of a closing order under S.27, Housing Act, 1961.	-

7. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

	No. of Houses (1)	No. of separate dwellings in column (1) (2)
Position at end of year:		
(i) Retained for temporary accommodation -		
(a) Under Section 48	-	-
(b) Under S.17(2)	-	-
(c) Under S.46	-	-
(ii) Licensed for temporary occupation under S.34 or S.53	-	-

8. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

	Houses	Occupants
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders -	-	-

7. Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement Grants, etc.:-

	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of schemes	No. of Houses or other bldgs affected	No. of schemes	No. of Houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.	-	-	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	-	-	-	-
(c) Submitted by local authority to Ministry	-	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	-	-	-	-
(e) Work Completed	-	-	-	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	-		-	

(g) Any other action taken under the Act - None.

8. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants

	Private Bodies or individuals		Local Authority	
	No. of schemes	No. of Houses or other bldgs affected	No. of schemes	No. of Houses or other bldgs. affected
(a) Submitted by private individuals to local authority	15	15	-	-
(b) Approved by local authority	15	15	-	-
(c) Work completed	14	14	-	-

Applications for Standard Grants are coming along steadily from owner/occupiers.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

Approximately half the houses are pre-1914, many are stone built, all with slated roofs, of the 2 or 3 bedroom terraced type, the smaller ones without bathrooms or hot water systems originally, but within recent years many of these have had bathrooms installed especially as they became owner-occupied. Less than 300 houses and houses with shops (other than Council houses) are rented property and are reasonably well maintained. Most of the owner-occupied houses are well-maintained. 454 dwellings have been built since 1945.

There is no known overcrowding

During the year 33 new dwellings were completed for private owners and 35 dwellings were under construction at the end of 1966.

An estate which is being privately developed and which will comprise 76 dwellings (bungalows and houses) is expected to be completed before the end of 1967.

The Urban District Council have building land at two sites, comprising 39 building plots, which have been leased to private individuals for building a dwelling for their own occupation, and building work is in progress.

The Council have land available for housing purposes, and propose to erect 16 3-bedroom houses, 16 one-bedroom flatlets and 16 bungalows for Special Housing for the Aged with a Warden's House. A tender has been accepted and building work is to start early in 1967.

Overcrowing or Housing Shortage

During the year 15 applications - 6 for houses and 9 for bungalows - were added to the Housing List.

Ten Council houses became vacant during the year and were re-let to applicants on the housing list, on Old People's bungalow was also re-let.

There were no known cases of overcrowding on the Council's list at the end of the year

Rent Act, 1957
Part II of the First Schedule

No. of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	...	-
No. of Certificates issued	...	-
No. of Undertakings given by Landlords to remedy defects	...	-
No. of Applications in which defects were remedied immediately after local authority's Notice	...	-
No. of Applications withdrawn	...	-
No. of Certificates of Disrepair revoked	...	-

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

	Class of Business				
	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Shops	Catering Establishments open to public	Fuel Storage Depots
(a) No. of registered premises at end of year	7	17	-	3	-
(b) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year	7	17	-	3	-
(c) No. of exemptions current at end of year:-					
Space (S.5(2))	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Convces.(S.9)	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities (S.10)	-	-	-	-	-

The Public Health Inspector made 31 visits to registered premises.

There were no prosecutions.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Acts, 1937

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections made for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	2	2	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	31	32	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' Premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	33	34	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions institd.
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-				
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-				
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-				
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-				
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
a. Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
b. Unsuitable or defective	1	1			
c. Not separate for sexes	-				
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relatin to Outwork.)	-				
Total	1	1	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of outworkers in August list	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Rugmaker	1	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

There are 3 producer-retailers with premises in Adlington and 4 retailers with premises outside the district retailing milk in Adlington. In addition, there are 5 shops licensed to sell Sterilised Milk.

The licensing of Milk Retailers is now the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council and not the local authority.

Brucellosis

There were no reported cases among cattle during the year.

Meat

There is no licensed Slaughterhouse within the District. All slaughtering is done at Chorley Abattoir.

There are 5 butchers and one Pork Butcher in the district, and 6 visits were made to these shops during the year.

Other Foods
Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960.

Places where other foods are prepared or kept for sale are inspected by the Public Health Inspector.

There are 6 small bakehouses and 4 fried fish shops in the district - all are kept in a satisfactory condition.

36 Inspections of places where food is prepared were made during the year by the Public Health Inspector.

The following list gives the number of food premises by type of business in the district at the end of the year under review, grouped in categories of trade

Category	Number of premises	No.fitted to comply with Regn.16	No.of premises to which Regn.19 applies	No.fitted to comply with Regn.19.
Grocers & Provisions Dealers	23	23	23	23
Greengrocers & Fruiterers (Inc.fishmongers)	5	5	5	5
Butchers	6	6	6	6
Bakers & Confectioners	8	8	8	8
Fried Fish shops	4	4	4	4
Shops selling mainly Sugar Confectionery, Minerals, Ice-cream etc.	6	6	3	3
Licensed premises, Clubs, canteens, cafes etc.	18	18	18	18

Unsound Food

During the year 391lbs. of tinned Ham were surrendered as unfit for human consumption.

Ice-Cream

Ice-cream retailed in shops throughout the district is confined to pre-packed standard brands, but 3 small manufacturers from neighbouring districts retail from travelling vans in Adlington.

Food Hygiene Regulations

50 visits have been made to food premises during the year, and it is apparent that retailers are observing the Food Hygiene Regulations as far as they possibly can, and in no case has any statutory action been necessary to enforce the Regulations.

Food Poisoning

There were no cases of food poisoning notified during the year.

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

(i) No. of egg pasteurisation plants in district at end of year ... None

(ii) No. of samples of liquid egg submitted to Alpha-Amylase test and their results ... ... None

(iii) There are no liquid egg pasteurisation plants in this area and from enquiries made by the Public Health Inspector, no liquid egg is used by local confectioners.

Poultry Inspection

There are no Poultry Processing Premises within the Urban District.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Rodent Control

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property: Non Agricultural	Type of Property: Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	1863	12
2.a. Total number of properties (inc. nearby premises) inspected following notification	49	2
b. No. infested by (i) Rats	10	1
(ii) Mice	14	-
3.a. Total number of properties inspected for rates and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	8	4
b. No. infested by (i) Rats	4	-
(ii) Mice	2	-

Sewers

A test treatment for Rodent Infestation was carried out during the year. A slight infestation was found and the necessary action taken.